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INCREASE IN SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated value of smuggled goods seized by the Customs Departments during each of the last three years;

(b) the major items seized by the Customs Department during the last one year;

(c) the mode of disposal of such goods;

(d) whether separate account is maintained for this;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government for proper upkeep and disposal of such goods?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.SPALANIMANICKAM)

(a) The estimated value of smuggled goods seized by the Customs Department during each of the last three years is as follows: -

Year	Vaiue of seized goods (Rs. in crores)
2004-2005	859.31
2005-2006	675.17
2006-2007	533.70

(b) The major items seized by the Customs Department are Narcotic drugs, garments, fabric/yarn, consumer goods, electronic items, machinery, capital goods, metal products, etc.

(c) The confiscated trade goods are disposed of by way of public auction and consumer goods are disposed of by sale to National Consumer Cooperative Federation (NCCF). Narcotic drugs are destroyed, except opium which is sent to the Govt. Opium & Alkaloid Factory.

(d)&(e) Yes, Sir. A separate account is maintained for sale proceeds as below:-

(i) Major head - 0037-Customs.
(ii) Minor head - 105- Sale Proceeds of confiscated goods.

(f) The Ministry has issued detailed guidelines from time to time for proper upkeep and disposal of such goods.